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## **Lincoln Day Dinner set**

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The annual Clay County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner will take place Friday, March 8, at North Clay Middle School.

The event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

This year, the guest speaker will be Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson.

Lawson is the 61st Secretary of State for Indiana.

A Republican, she is a former member of the Indiana Senate and served as Majority Floor Leader.

Lawson was born and raised in Danville. She graduated from Danville High School.

In 1988, she was elected Clerk of the Hendricks County Circuit Court and served two four-year terms before running for the Indiana Senate.

In 1996, Lawson joined a five-way Republican primary race for an open State Senator position after Sen. Dick Thompson decided to run for Congress.

Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson [Click to enlarge]

She won the party's nomination and the November General Election that year, representing the 24th District in the state.

In 2006, she was appointed Majority Floor Leader, becoming the first woman in the state to hold the position.

On March 16, 2012, Lawson was appointed to serve as Secretary of State by then

Governor Mitch Daniels.

As Secretary of State, Lawson oversees 80 employees in four divisions, including Securities, Business Services, Auto Dealers and Elections.

Lawson is married to Jack Lawson and has two children and six grandchildren. She and her husband own and operate Lawson and Company, an auctioneer and real estate business.

Cost is \$25 per person or \$10 per students.

Tickets may be purchased at the door the evening of the dinner.

RSVP's are not necessary but will be appreciated.

To RSVP, call Jodi Lohrman at 812-201-8704 by March 2.

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